

**Amendments to the Specification:**

[0026] Figure ~~3a~~3 is a simplified flow diagram illustrating another embodiment of a method of operation according to the invention of the biometric security system shown in Fig. 1;

[0027] ~~Figure 3b is a simplified flow diagram illustrating a continuation of the method of operation according to the invention shown in Fig. 3a;~~

[0042] In some applications it is not desirable to provide limited access to any other person but only to predetermined persons of a third party having limited access privileges. For such applications biometric data in dependence upon a biometric characteristic of one or more persons of a third party may be stored in memory of the portable biometric device as illustrated in the simplified flow diagram[s] of ~~Figs. 3a and 3b~~Fig. 3. In dependence upon a recognized biometric characteristic a signal will be provided such as a signal indicating a first authorized user or a signal indicating a person of the third party.